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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAJIMA, Taro, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1753**

Serial No.: **10/657,192**

Examiner: **Steven H. VERSTEEG**

Filed: **September 9, 2003**

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For: **MATCHING BOX, VACUUM APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND  
VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1753**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.